(b) whether it is also a fact that electro-homoeopathy doctors are on hunger strike in Jammu and Kashmir for more than four months;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to recognize the said medical system to tide over this problem; and

(d) by when this system is likely to be recognized alongwith the ways to be adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Since electro-homoeopathy is not a recognized system of medicines such figures are not available with Government.

(b) Government of Jammu & Kashmir has informed that about 250 such degree holders in electro-homoeopathy are agitating currently.

(c) and (d) A standing committee of experts was constituted to consider reorganization of various streams of alternative medicine. The committee in its report did not recommended for recognition to any of these systems except already. recognized traditional systems of medicines *viz.* Ayurveda Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy and Yoga and Naturopathy. The Govt. is however, contemplating to bring a legislation to regulate various streams of alternative medicines.

AIIMS like hospital in Raipur

†666. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made to build a hospital like AIIMS at Raipur in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) by when this hospital is planned to be built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in its meeting on 16.3.2006, has approved the setting up of an AIIMS-like institution at Raipur in Chhattisgarh. The State Government has provided land. The boundary wall around the site has already been completed. WAPCOS, a Government of India organization, is conducting Environmental Impact (EIA) Study and pre-construction survey. Draft EIA Report has been prepared. Pre-Construction survey has also been completed.

The construction of housing complex (houses & hostels) is proposed through a turnkey developer for EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction). The Request for proposal has been issued in May, 2007 to shortlisted bidders and the last date for receipt of the bids is 16.8.2007. Likewise, the process of selection of Design-DPR Consultant for preparing the detailed project report of medical college and hospital complex has been initiated. The Request for Proposals has been issued to shortlisted bidders in May, 2007 and last date for receipt is 24.9.2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

It is expected that the civil construction work would start by early 2008 and be completed in 2009 (for housing/hostel) and in 2010-11 (for hospital/medical college complex).

Vacancy of Pharmacists

667. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of pharmacists lying vacant in each CGHS homoeopathic dispensaries in Delhi, as on date;

(b) whether Timarpur and Shahadra CGHS homoeopathic dispensaries are running without pharmacists since 1st January, 2006 and 1st January, 2007 respectively;

(c) whether it is a fact that without pharmacist/pharmacist on leave, a class IV employee is distributing the medicines in each dispensary;

(d) whether Government have given any incentive to Class IV employee for distribution of the medicines in the absence of pharmacists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The total number of posts lying vacant of pharmacist (Homoeopathic) in CGHS Delhi as on date are 7(seven).

(b) Timarpur dispensary running without Homeo Pharmacist since 1.1.2006 and Shahadra dispensary *w.e.f.* 1.5.2007.

(c) and (d) Under provision of Rule 11 of Fundamental Rule, a Government servant is at the disposal of the Government and he/she may be employed in any manner required by the authority, without any claim for additional remuneration.

In the absence of pharmacists, Homoeopathic doctors distribute the medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries with the help of Group 'D' Staff taken in handling the stores/ counters. SIU has conducted a study of the staffing norms of Homoeopathic/ Ayurveda dispensaries/units and SIU has fixed the norms as per the average daily attendance. As per this study there is already surplus staff in homoeopathy dispensaries. Moreover, vacant posts are filled up according to total vacancy position.

(e) So far as the filling up the vacancies of Homeo Pharmacist is concerned, the action has already been initiated to fill up the vacant posts as approved by the Competent Authority.

AIDS Bill

668. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the proposed AIDS Bill;

(b) whether it is going to be introduced in the current session of the Parliament;